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25X1 1. The SNB in Bohemia has a strength of 14,000 excluding its two special branches: Utvar (Unit) [] and the Zvlastni Utvar (Special Branch).

25X1 2. Utvar [] contains the younger SNB men and is employed on frontier control duties, while the Zvlastni Utvar is intended for use against any putsch that might be attempted and was used in Prague in February 1948. These two branches are directly under the control of the Ministry of the Interior and are under the orders of a Communist named Pavel (fmu).

3. The main SNB arms and ammunition depot is at present at Prague-Podoli (L78) and contains the following:

a. Small Arms

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| Automatic pistols | 15,000 |
| Sub-machine guns, old type (Samopaly-Star Typu) | 12,000 |
| Rifles | 30,000 |

b. Small Arms Ammunition

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| Pistol ammunition | 500,000 rounds |
| Sub-machine gun ammunition | 4,000,000 rounds |
| Rifle ammunition | 2,000,000 rounds |

4. The following quantities of small arms ammunition have already been distributed:

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| Pistol ammunition | 250,000 rounds |
| Rifle ammunition (old type) | 2,800,000 rounds |
| Rifle ammunition | 840,000 rounds |

5. The depot was to be closed on 15 January 1949 and the supplies on hand distributed to Regional National Committees, which were to keep registries of SNB strength, weapons, and ammunition from that date.

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